IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA ROCK HILL DIVISION

Gerold Lee Davis, #89907-071,

Petitioner,

C/A No. 0:05-1665-GRA-BM

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ORDER

(Written Opinion)

United States of America,

Respondent.

This matter is before the Court for review of the magistrate's Report and Recommendation made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Rule 73.02(B)(2)(c), D.S.C., and filed June 20, 2005. Petitioner brings this suit pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241. The magistrate recommends that the case be transferred to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia. For the following reasons, the Court accepts the recommendation of the magistrate.

Petitioner brings this motion *pro se*. This Court is required to construe *pro se* pleadings liberally. Such pleadings are held to a less stringent standard than those drafted by attorneys. *Gordon v. Leeke*, 574 F.2d 1147, 1151 (4th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 439 U.S. 970 (1978). This Court is charged with liberally construing a pleading filed by a *pro se* litigant to allow for the development of a potentially meritorious claim. *Cruz v. Beto*, 405 U.S. 319 (1972).

The magistrate makes only a recommendation to this Court. The

recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. *Matthews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270-71 (1976). The Court is charged with making a *de novo* determination of those portions of the Report and Recommendation to which specific objection is made, and the Court may accept, reject or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation of the magistrate, or recommit the matter to him with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). In the absence of objections to the Report and Recommendation, this Court is not required to give any explanation for adopting the recommendation. *Camby v. Davis*, 718 F.2d 198 (4th. Cir. 1983). Objections to the Report and Recommendation have not been filed.

After a review of the magistrate's Report and Recommendation, this Court finds the report is based upon the proper law. Accordingly, the Report and Recommendation is accepted and adopted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this action be transferred to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

G. ROSS ANDERSON, JR.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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Anderson, South Carolina

July <u>20</u>, 2005

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Petitioner has the right to appeal this Order within sixty (60) days from the

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date hereof, pursuant to Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Failure to meet this deadline, as modified by Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate

Procedure, will waive the right to appeal.